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STAFF SUMMARY

The University of Louisiana-Lafayette currently offers a B.S. program in Electrical Engineering with three separate and distinct options—Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Telecommunications. The University has proposed eliminating these options into a single B.S. program in Electrical Engineering with no separate options. The University believes that these changes are representative of the designation/organization of similar programs nationwide. Former options areas will become areas of emphasis which students may pursue within the confines of a unified curriculum. The University also believes that a more generic degree design will allow them to respond more rapidly to emerging areas of electrical engineering educational interest. Discussion of these changes with industry, faculty, and students have been positive. Lastly, the University notes that there are no costs associated with this proposal.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The staff concurs and commends the University for the self-review which led to this request.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee terminate the Computer Engineering and Telecommunications options within the B.S. program in Electrical Engineering at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, effective August 2009. The University shall continue to offer this degree without separate option distinctions.